



## Discuss Heartstopper

Welcome to our brand-new resource about Netflix hit series Heartstopper. Below are 5 questions per episode – each episode is about 30 minutes long, which should hopefully leave time in your session for discussions based on these questions. They are a jumping off point, and we hope that you will have rich discussions that explore other questions too! There is a guide to character names on the last page in case you need it.

### 1. Meet

“Hi.”

What is unhealthy about Ben and Charlie’s relationship?

What are the biggest differences in how Ben and Nick treat Charlie?

How does Tao stereotype Nick?

In what ways does Mr Ajayi make Charlie feel safe and comfortable?

How do you think the rugby team’s comments about Charlie made him feel?

### 2. Crush

“Masculine guys can be gay.”

Why do you think Elle found it hard to make friends in her new school?

Why aren’t Charlie’s friends supportive of his crush on Nick?

How do you think Nick’s mum noticed that Nick is more himself around Charlie?

What actions do you think have made Charlie think that Nick might not be straight?

Why might Nick have never realised he might be gay before?

### **3. Kiss**

**“Would you kiss someone who wasn’t a girl?”**

Did Nick do the right thing by telling Harry he was being homophobic?

Do you think seeing Tara and Darcy so happy at the party was significant for Nick?

Why do you think the creators kept some of the comic book elements like the leaves and flowers in the TV show?

How do you think Charlie was thinking and feeling after the kiss?

Why do you think Charlie misremembers what happened with Nick the next day?

### **4. Secret**

**“I’m having a proper, full-on gay crisis.”**

Do you think Elle minds being a third wheel with Tara and Darcy?

Why is Imogen saying she’s an ally not received well by Tara and Darcy?

What do you think it was like for Elle to transition whilst at an all-boys school?

Why do you think the LGBTQ+ kids all hang out together?

Why does Nick struggle to say no to Imogen?

### **5. Friend**

**“I wish I’d known then what I know now.”**

How do you think Nick’s mum’s assumption that “the right girl will come along” made Nick feel?

Why do you think Charlie is surprised that Nick came to his birthday party?

Do you think Tao is being a good friend to Charlie?

Do you think it was hard for Charlie not tell his friends about his relationship with Nick?

How does Nick show respect for Imogen at the park?

## **6. Girls**

**“It’s always been boys.”**

Why do the comments about her being a lesbian affect Tara’s mood so much, even the positive ones?

How do you think watching the YouTube videos of the vlogger helped Nick?

Why do you think Nick decides to tell Tara and Darcy about his relationship at that point?

Do you think it’s right that Tao ends up as the only one who doesn’t know about Nick and Charlie?

Do you think it’s important to Nick to find the right label for himself?

## **7. Bully**

**“I’m honestly used to it by now.”**

Why do you think Ben treats Charlie the way he does?

Was fighting with Harry the right way for Nick to deal with him?

Why do you think Nick has stayed with his group of friends for so long?

Why do you think Charlie starts to push Nick away?

Is Tao right to be upset at Charlie?

## **8. Boyfriend**

**“Don’t let anyone make you disappear.”**

How do you think dealing with constant homophobia and bullying has affected Charlie?

What other actions could Tori do to help Charlie?

How do you think Tao and Nick could reconcile?

How does Nick help Charlie to feel confident?

Do you think Nick and Charlie have a healthy relationship?

# Character Guide



Mr Ajayi



Nick's Mum



Tori